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In re Application of :
Bodnar, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/434,703 :
Filed: November 5, 1999 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: LS/0001.01 :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),
filed November 27, 2005.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.


This application became abandoned June 30, 2004 for failure to timely
submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed March 29,
2004. The final Office action set a three (3) month shortened
statutory period of time for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed
January 25, 2005.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1)
the required reply; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR
1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required
reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable
petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional
information where there is a question whether the delay was
unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth
in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with
the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely
submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed March 29, 2004
is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for
processing of the RCE submitted herewith.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the
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